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SUBJECT:EA/ROC WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. TAIWAN PRESS ON THE DOLE AMENDMENT (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE TAIWAN PRESS HAS REPORTED SENATE PASSAGE OF THE COMPROMISE (DOLE, KENNEDY AND 20 OTHERS) AMENDMENT AS SEVERE DEFEAT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S NORMALIZATION POLICY. WE'VE SENT OUT A TELEGRAM TO TAIPEI, PEKING, HONG KONG AND TOKYO EXPLAINING WHAT REALLY HAPPENED AND PROVIDING THE TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S LETTER TO CHAIRMAN SPARKMAN.

2. SECURITY PROTECTION FOR MADAM CHIANG KAI-SHEK (CONFIDENTIAL)

IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY FROM THE OFFICE OF SECURITY, WE HAVE RECOMMENDED CONTINUATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT OF TWO STATE DEPARTMENT SECURITY GUARDS TO THE WIDOW OF THE LATE ROC PRESIDENT. MADAM CHIANG HAS BEEN IN THE U.S. FOR MEDICAL CONFIDENTIAL

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TREATMENT FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. WHILE WE HAVE NO RECENT INFORMATION, SHE IS REPORTED TO HAVE CANCER AND IS PRESUMED TO BE IN DECLINING HEALTH. SHE PROBABLY WILL NEVER RETURN TO TAIWAN.

3. SINGAPORE BANK TO OPEN BRANCH IN TAIPEI (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE GROC HAS APPROVED THE APPLICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BANK OF SINGAPORE TO OPEN A BRANCH IN TAIPEI. THIS WILL BE THE THIRTEENTH FOREIGN BANK BRANCH IN THE COUNTRY AND IS AN EXAMPLE OF CONTINUED INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL COMMUNITY CONFIDENCE IN TAIWAN. EIGHT OF THE FOREIGN BANK BRANCHES ARE AMERICAN. CHRISTOPHER

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